राज्य सरकारों से अनुरोध किया गया है कि वे इन अभिकरणों के सुचारू कार्यकरण हेतु उन्हें सभी आवश्यक सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराएं।

श्रम और शक्ति निर्यात परिषद की स्थापना

*195 डा. जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने भारतीय मूल के कर्मकारों और अन्य कुशल व्यावसायिकों को विदेशों में भेजने हेतु एक "श्रम-शक्ति निर्यात परिषद्" गठित करने का निर्णय लिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) इस निर्णय को लेने के क्या कारण हैं तथा क्या सरकार निजी क्षेत्र के माध्यम से विदेशों में श्रमिकों को भेजे जाने की वर्तमान पद्धति पर प्रतिबंध लगाएगी; और

(घ) उक्त परिषद् कब तक गठित किए जाने की संभावना है ?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री श्री पी.ए संगमा

(क) से (ख) मामला सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

Change in coal mining process

*196. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that open cast coal mining results in environmental and ecological degradation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that coal from open cast mines is often mixed with gravel while coal from underground mines is of a better quality ;

(c) wheher Government would change the mining process from open cast to underground mining ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) Coal mining activities, particularly the open cast have an adverse effect on the environment due to degradation of land, air and water pollution etc. However, in order to mitigate the adverse effects due to mining operations action is taken for implementation of environmental protective measures viz. land reclamation, afforestation, control of air and water pollution etc. Necessary protective measures are incorporated in the Environmental Management Plans (EMPs) which are prepared for the individual coal projects.

(b) In opencast mining due to large scale mining operations with the use of heavy earth moving machinery, some admixture of stones, shales and overburden material with coal is unavoidable. However steps have been taken to improve the quality of coal by providing coal handling/screening plants for maintaining the quality of despatches, beneficiation of non-coking coal for eliminating extraneous material etc.

(c) and (d) The choice of method of coal mining viz. opencast or underground mainly depends on factors like the nature of the coal deposits, geo-mining conditions and therefore technology application is specific to the mining block.

Reforms in coal sector

*197. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN :
SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) what are tthe major reforms proposed by Government in Public Sector Coal Industry, indiqating the objectives of the reforms;

(b) what is the number of surplus staff in officer and labour cadres; and

(c) whether Government propose to reduce the existing manpower, if so, what are the modalities in this regard?